



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Masataka MURATANI

Title:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND

**IMAGE FORMING METHOD** 

Appl. No.:

10/724,157

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Allen H. Nguyen

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:
  - [ ] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_.

| []     | Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered. |
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| []     | Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on          |
|        | <del>_</del>  |
| []     | Other   |
| b. End | closed are:   |
| [X]    | Amendment/Reply.  |
| []     | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).  |
| []     | Information Disclosure Statement.   |
| []     | Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).                                      |
| []     | Other.  |

## Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | Claims as<br>Amended |        | Previously<br>Paid For | Extra Claim<br>Present | S      | Rate<br>\$810.00 |   | Fee Totals<br>\$810.00 |
|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------------|---|------------------------|
| Total Claims:    | 8                    | -      | 20                     | = 0                    | x      | \$52.00          | = | \$0.00                 |
| Independents     | 3                    | -      | 3                      | = 0                    | x      | \$220.00         | = | \$0.00                 |
| First p          | resentation o        | of any | y Multiple I           | Dependent Claim        | s: +   | \$390.00         | = | \$0.00                 |
|                  |                      |        |                        | CLAIM                  | IS FEI | E TOTAL:         | = | \$810.00               |

| [] | Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the |
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|    | total number of months checked below:   |

| []                            | Extension for response filed within the first month:  | \$130.00   | 0 | \$0.00   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|---|----------|--|
| []                            | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$490.00   |   | \$0.00   |  |
| []                            | Extension for response filed within the third month:  | \$1,110.00 |   | \$0.00   |  |
| []                            | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,730.00 |   | \$0.00   |  |
| []                            | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:  | \$2,350.00 |   | \$0.00   |  |
|                               |   | \$0.00     |   |          |  |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: - |   |            |   |          |  |
|                               | \$0.00  |            |   |          |  |
|                               | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FE                               | E TOTAL:   |   | \$810.00 |  |
| []                            | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2                 | of above): |   | \$0.00   |  |
| []                            | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.        | § 1.103(c) |   | \$0.00   |  |
|                               | TC  | TAL FEE:   |   | \$810.00 |  |
|                               |   |            |   |          |  |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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